

Delaware's New Opioid Regulation



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Regulation 9.0 of the DE Division of Professional Regulation goes into effect April 1, 2017. As of that date **ALL OPIOID PRESCRIPTION REFILLS** must meet these strict new laws (Examples- Percocet, Vicodin, Hydrocodone, Oxycodone, Codeine). We **DID NOT** create this- your legislature did. We do not like it or agree with it but we **MUST COMPLY** with it or we will **LOSE OUR LICENSE**.

What to expect-

You will have to come in for a visit with your Doctor to meet these rules before another prescription can be written. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

You will need an exam and you will need to sign a **DRUG CONTRACT and a Consent of Treatment**.

You will need a **Urine Drug Screen** now and no less than every 6 months (and may be random). Your insurance may **NOT PAY** and if so you will be responsible. Without it we can **NOT** refill your prescriptions.

We will continue to run a **Controlled Substance Report** on you from a central data bank, but now we have to do it at least every 6 months.

We will continue to need to see you regularly- for most patients that means at least every 3 months.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Do Not be angry with our staff , this is **NOT OUR RULE**. We are here to help you with this problem as we always try to do.

Be Patient- The final rule was given with less than one month notice. We have about 500 patients that this affects and they all need to be cared for. We will try hard to avoid any undue delays and hardships.

Contact Your Legislators ASAP- Feel free to call them from your cell phone in our office. This regulation is well intentioned because we have a serious opioid epidemic. However, it puts a serious burden on the Doctor Patient Relationship when good Doctors were already practicing good medicine. So **CALL, CALL, CALL.**

Please see the attached list of our local Legislators.

Delaware Senate

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